

## NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICE



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**DATE:** 24 December 2024

**LOCATION:** Between Rushmills Lock and Northampton Lock

**Issue:** Mechanical failure at Bedford Road Sluice – Emergency Works Completed

**Report:** Due to a mechanical failure of one of the four gates of Bedford Road Sluice, the Environment Agency performed emergency works to install dam boards to safely isolate the affected gate.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the changes in water levels between Rushmills Lock and Northampton Lock during this time.

We are pleased to report that the emergency works have been completed and Bedford Road Sluice is retaining the water level for navigation.

The permanent repair of the damaged sluice gate will take some time, and we expect works will progress with minimal impacts to the navigation.

We will update this Navigation Notice when we have further information (see our website [www.visitanglianwaterways.org](http://www.visitanglianwaterways.org) for the latest updates)

**Care:** Please navigate with care in the area once SSA is lifted.

**This Advisory Notice Replaces the Updated Emergency Closure Notice issued 12 December 2024**

For further information, please contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and ask for the Waterways team in the Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire Area.

**Katherine Briscoombe**  
**Waterways Manager**  
**24 December 2024**

*Anglian Waterways does not provide rescue services. If the matter pertains to lock operation, obstructions in channel, safety issues or speeding please contact us first. In the event of an emergency or distress please contact the emergency services in the first instance. Call 999 and advise what the emergency is.*

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